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NEWS OF THE THEATERS.

At the Theaters To-Day. ENGLISH'S .- "The Strollers," musical comedy, 8:15 p. m. GRAND.-Vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. PARK .- "At Cripple Creek," 2 and 8 p. m.

"The Strollers" To-Night.

"The Strollers," a musical comedy new here, will be acted at English's to-night and to-morrow afternoon and night. The story was adapted from the German by Harry B. Smith and has to do with merry vagabondage. The principal members of the company-Eddie Foy, Marie George, D. L. Don and John Henshaw-do not need introduction. In the music they will be assisted by a chorus.

"At Cripple Creek" at the Park.

The first play that the Park Theater had this season-Hal Reid's "At Cripple Creek" -is again being acted there with the evident approval of the audiences. Its most stirring incident is the rescue of a little girl. Tatto, from a murderous Mexican. Waketah, an Indian friendly to the whites, Rocky mountains. The Mexican has the cost him at least \$15. If I go out to supchild on one side of the gorge and the In- per with him that will be at least a dian is hiding on the other side. The Indian | tenner more. Twenty-five dollars on all catches a tree, swings out over the gorge, these fool things, and me needing new clasps the girl just as the Mexican throws shoes and not a decent hat to my head. her over the edge and swings back to solid

The fun of the play is in the love making of Joe Mayfield and Belle Gordon. Mayfield is a rough miner with a good heart and is called "Parson" by his companions, Miss Gordon is an Eastern girl who goes to Cripple Creek answering an advertise- New York Tribune. ment for a governess. It is a ruse to get her into "The Temple of David," a dive. Mayfield rescues her and finally they are married.

Notes of the Stage.

In the bill of vaudeville at the Grand sisted by Dave Fitzgibbon, a planist.

XXX When the Pike stock company, of Cin- are also considered great bores. To be with cinnati, presents William Gillette's "Secret Service" at the Park Theater the latter half of next week Thomas M. Reynolds. who was a member of the Grand Opera House stock company, will be seen in one of the characters.

The act of Berol and Berol in the show given by "The Brigadiers" at the Emptre this week is new here. They make pictures by fastening vari-colored rags on a black background. "The Knickerbockers." a company new to the Empire, will visit

it next week. Grossmith at Propylacum.

The entertainment to be given by Mr. George Grossmith at the Propylacum next Tuesday evening is attracting general interest and promises to be one of the events of the season. He is to introduce his programme with a plano-forte solo upon the theme, "Home, Sweet Home," which he will embellish with such variations as he said his youngest and most impertment alone is capable of. The first part of the daughter. programme will consist of "A Few Idie Thoughts," which will include some experiences in the one and one-half-brick-thick mansions of the London apartment-house district and the love songs by Mr. Grossmith, called "Twas in the Time of Turnips," and "Oh! That To-day Were Tomorrow." The second part of the entertainment will consist of the new musical sketch, "Somebodies and Nobodies," in which Mr. Grossmith will describe the nobodies who fancy themselves somebodies and the somebodies who are possibly nobodies, the latter classification being extended to include himself. Some of the features of this sketch are the descriptions of the English policeman and butier, the major and his song, somebodies on a train, materialized. Smart young women are somebodies at an English banquet and an adding to their jewel boxes many pairs of English college student. The songs, "How to Work Up a Pedigree," words by George

on sale at the Bowen-Merrill Company.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. O. Weaver will remove to Chicago the 1st of April. Mrs. Andrew L. Lockridge has gone to Chicago for a short visit. Miss L. E. Hunt will go to Toledo the 1st of April to spend a month visiting friends

Mrs. Edward Kingsbury gave a small company last night, entertaining "the Cousins.'

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Neiman and daughter, of Evansville, Ind., are the guests of Mrs. B. E. Langhorne. Miss Bertha Stimson, who was the guest

of Mrs. John O. Perrin, returned to her home in Lafayette yesterday.

Wellington, left yesterday morning for a trip of several weeks in Florida. Miss Julia Hollweg will leave to-day for St. Louis, where she will visit her cousin, Mrs. Rombauer, for several weeks.

Mr. Harry Raymond entertained a number of his friends with a Dutch lunch last night at his home in Woodruff Place. Miss Mae E. Schloss has returned home, after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Allegheny, Pa., and Avondale,

Cincinnati. Miss Mary Rogers, who has been spending the past two weeks with Miss Anna Louise Beck, will return to her home in Logansport on Saturday.

Mrs. Orville Peckham and her daughter, Miss Sallie, will arrive to-day to spend several weeks with Mrs. Henry Judah Brandon, on Broadway. Mr. Charles Morrison has returned from a visit to the Orient and Japan. He has

spent several months in California and is now visiting relatives in Laporte. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stubbins have taken apartment No. 20 at the Meridian. Their daughter Miss Cora, who has been visiting in Mattoon, Ill., will return home next

There will be a rehearsal of the Matinee Musicale choral to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock, at the Lutheran Church, on the corner of Walnut and Pennsylvania | Charged with Inexcusable Neglect in

Mrs. D. B. Sweetzer, Mrs. Alice Wood and Mrs. Emma McKinney, of Marion, have come to this city to live and have taken apartments in the Pressly, on North Pennsylvania street.

where they will stay during the spring where Mr. Hagans was connected with the United States ordnance department, will Hagans was formerly Miss Nellie Douglas, of this city.

Mrs. R. S. Robertson, of Fort Wayne, the well-known art lecturer and traveler, will leave in May to chaperone her eighth party of ladies through Europe: Mrs. Edward White, of that city, will be one of the tourists. Mr. and Mrs. George Evans and Mr. Morris Evans left Fort Wayne on Wednesday night for Europe via New York. They will sail on Saturday.

Mrs. L. S. Ayres and Mrs. William B. Wheelock were the hostesses for a luncheon yesterday, entertaining eighteen of their friends in honor of Mrs. George Wheelock, of Iowa, who is their guest, and Mrs. James R. Kay, of Pittsburg, who is visiting Mrs. Hervey Bates, jr. A big bunch of pink roses adorned the center of the table at which the guests were seated and mound baskets of maiden-hair ferns filled with Three Charges Against the Woman violets were at either end.

WILLIAMS-BENNETT.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RICHMOND, Ind., March 13. - William David Williams, a prominent business man of this city, and Miss Ada Marshall Bennett were married at Oneida, N. Y., yesterday. The ceremony was performed at noon at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Helen M. Root. Richmond will be the future home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, and they will be at home here after June 1.

HILL-STAFFORD. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. AURORA, Ind., March 13.-Mr. M. J. Hill, superintendent of the Ohio Valley Buggy Company's works of this city, and Miss Newport, Ky., yesterday afternoon. Miss Stafford is the daughter of James F. Stafford, and was formerly employed as stenographer in the office of the Ohio Valley

Buggy Company.

Needs of the Chorus Girl.

Washington Post. Behind the scenes at one of the theaters,

where a comic opera was playing, not long ago, I happened to be in a dressing EMPIRE.-The Brigadiers, variety, 2 and | room where five chorus girls were making up. One of them studied singing three years and was a roommate of an old go into the chorus and had an Irish accent that made the wire-inclosed gas jets splutter. The third had a husband who had been with her in the chorus twenty years. A fourth was a widow with a child to support. The fifth was the sort of

chorus girl you read about. While I sat on a trunk in the corner and watched the grease paint and powder and rouge go on their faces, and watched them melt pomade on wire hairpins over the gas jet to lengthen their eyelashes, a huge box from a Vermont-avenue florist's was handed in. It was addressed to the comic-weekly chorus girl, and a sealed note was tucked inside the cover. The girl lifted the paper and looked at the

"Orcihds." said she, "and American Beauties and striped carnations! Isn't that a shame? It's from a man I don't know and don't want to know. It must have Twenty-five dollars wasted to gratify the vanity of some saphead, and, oh, what a godsend twenty-five big, round plunks would be to me!"

A Great Failing.

There are certain qualities which the so- alty on its own level. cial aspirant must suppress if she desires to be popular in her world. If inclined to be what is called "touchy," the tendency must be overcome at once, for it does not pay to be offended in Vanity Fair. No one has next week will be the Picchiani troupe of time to consider the rights or the wrongs acrobats. Press Eldridge, a storry teller, of a case, and the complainant is generally and Jenny Eddy and her pickaninnies, as- held to be in error, simply because it annovs people to listen to the details of a quarrel. Individuals who have "feelings" such persons, who are easily "hurt," or who misconstrue any chance carelessness into an intentional slight, is most tiresome. while the most wearisome of all are those who talk about their grievances and expect sympathy. The world exacts that it shall be amused, and the people who let their troubles and annoyances slip from their minds like the water from off a duck's

back have the best chance in it He Gave Her a Lesson.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

liciously sad," he said.

He had been calmly studying the situation for some time, and then he mapped out his plan of campaign and went home. "Old Smith failed to-day. It was de-

"John and I rode up in one of those crowded trolleys instead of his carriage. It was horribly entertaining," he went on. at the restaurant to-day. It was divinely

"Why dad, you are going off your head!" "Not in the least, my dear," he said pleasantly. "I'm merely trying to follow the fashion. I worked out 'divinely rancid' with a good deal of labor. It seems to me rather more effective than 'awfully sweet.' I mean to keep up with the rest of you hereafter. And now," he continued, "let

tough beef. Earrings Once More.

New York Post.

A revival of earrings which has been periodically announced during the last five earrings, now that it is possible to use Washington Post.

enterainment will be drawn from Mr. Gros- patent clamp attachment, which adjusts smith's own repertoire. Reserved seats are them securely and easily at the proper place. A single large pearl, fitting close to the ear love, is one of the most popular designs, though almost an equal favorite is a combination of this pearl with silversmith is the authority for the statement that a pair of solitaire pearl earrings is the most popular of expensive

Easter gifts. STRUCK A BROKEN RAIL.

Mixed Train Wrecked and Twenty-Four Persons Injured.

SEDALIA, Mo., March 13 .- A mixed Missouri Pacific train on the Versailles branch was wrecked by a broken rail near Fortuna, five miles from Tipton, to-day. Ar Mr. and Mrs. George H. Graves, of the express car and one passenger coach were turned upside down in a ditch. Twentyfour persons were injured, but none of them fatally. Following were among the most seriously hurt:

MRS. J. B. SEYMOUR, St. Louis, knee cut and bruised. F. S. OZIER, Springfield, O., legs bruised. A. B. CUTRIGHT, Parkersburg, W. Va.,

cut on head and bruised. E. B. CAPPELLAR, Mansfield, O., cut on head. A. D. HERSCHEY, Fortuna, Mo., legs bruised. W. N. HIGGINBOTHAM, Sedalia, Mo.

side and legs injured.

gled wrist fractured. August Gelgas, express messenger, was the worst injured of the trainmen, but

his condition is not considered serious.

DOCTOR IN TROUBLE

the Case of an Infant.

WASHINGTON, March 13 .- Dr. Charles E. Hagner, for thirty years a well-known physician here and a member of one of the hospital where the child was carried

have been caused during the premature visory committee. birth." and that Dr. Hagner, who attended at the birth, was guilty of inexcusable neg-

born alive and lived several hours, died

MRS. SOFFEL INDICTED.

Who Aided the Biddles. PITTSBURG, Pa., March 13.-Indictments in three counts against Mrs. Catherine Soffel, wife of ex-Warden Peter K. Soffel, growing out of the escape of the Biddle brothers from jail on Jan. 30, were considered by the grand jury to-day and true bills returned. Should Mrs. Soffel be convicted upon the three charges the maximum aggregate sentence that could be imposed that they would cease paying commissions upon her would be sixteen years in prison | and dealing with ticket scalpers. and a fine of \$2,500. The first charge is for aiding criminals to escape. The other charges are separate indictments for felonious assault and battery upon Charles Reynolds and James G. McGary, jail guards. Reynolds was shot by one of the Biddles and McGary was thrown over or jumped over the railing from the cell tier and seprobably will be a month before Mrs. Sof-

fel is brought to trial. ETIQUETTE AND INFORMALITY.

than Stilted Forms.

Baltimore Sun Some of the English newspapers have een greatly exercised apparently by what eems to them the "familiar" tone of the Emperor William in regard to the launching of the Meteor. Recent cablegrams from Berlin show that these English newspapers are giving themselves unnecessary concern, inasmuch as the Emperor is quoted as describing the telegram as 'charming' and not in any way an offense against the "majesty" which he has the reputation of guarding with considerable jealousy at home. That there was no basis for any such feeling as the English iournals in question attributed to the Emperor is evident from the text of the message sent by Miss Roosevelt, which, it will be recalled, was as follows: "His Majesty the Emperor, Berlin, Germany-The Meteor has been successfully launched. I congratulate you and thank

my best wishes. 'ALICE LEE ROOSEVELT. It is impossible to conceive of any more could have expressed herself. It was the frank, unaffected message of an American lady, acknowledging without servility the mander of the National Soldiers' Home in courtesy done her and offering her thanks this city. and best wishes in return. To Englishmen and Europeans generally, who are accustomed to think that thrones are hedged about with a special divinity and that they and their occupants should be approached Roosevelt's telegram may appear too direct and "familiar" and lacking in the reverent tone which should characterize the language of those who address royalty. Such critics should remember that every American man is a sovereign by virtue of his birthright and that every American lady is a queen at home and that she meets roy-

you for your courtesy to me, and send you

If Miss Roosevelt's telegram seemed "familiar" to these sticklers for court etiquette they will probably be thrown into spasms of horror when they read of the States army; retired on June 1, 1892. unceremonious style in which Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, behaved toward his "Royal Highness," the prince, as related in the Sun's dispatches yesterday. address the prince intimated that he would like to greet the members of the Governor's staff, who, attired in military uniforms, ernor was gratified and promptly said:

"All right, prince, all right." Then Minnesota's executive started toward his fellow-delegates, but, observing that the prince hesitated, he crooked his finger, beckoned toward the prince and hurriedly exclaimed:

"Come on; come on." The prince seemed somewhat astonished at the apparently unusual method of addressing him, but finally grasped the situation and advanced. Governor Van Sant's direct Western method of doing things lacks the courtly grace and stately ceremonial of royal functions abroad, and is free from the obsequiousness and exaggerated deference displayed occasionally even by Americans when in the atmosphere of courts, but his welcome was none the less hearty and sincere for all that. Doubtless to those who believe in the divine right of kings be appeared shockingly "familiar" in addressing his "Royal Highness" simply as "prince and beckoning to him with his finger-and "I wish you could have tasted the butter perhaps significantly winking his other eye man Catholic Church joined to-day with to the earth. But of the two, every true American would prefer the breezy Western

On an Odorous Quest.

hind it, if not elegance and etiquette.

Springfield Republican. We have a visiting artist. Philip Burne-Jones, son of his father, who says every me help you to a piece of this exquisitely | York has it well defined in any part of the London's smell, he says, is pungent and rather unpleasant: that of Paris is rather pleasant; Venice has a peculiar flavor, partly of the sea; New York's "apt proximates a perfume," and is more like that of Paris. Mr. Burne-Jones is going to Boston to find the New England smell What will he think of Pittsburg, Cincinnati and especially Chicago?

Do Not Linger.

during the sketch. The third part of the the ear. The new earrings go on with a stop to investigate from the interior.

one or more diamonds just above it. A SAID TO BE OUT OF THE CENTRAL FREIGHT ASSOCIATION.

> All Railways Hastening to Get Out of Pools-Action of Central Passenger Association.

CLEVELAND, O., March 13. - The Leader to-morrow will say: "The Big Four Railroad Company has withdrawn from the Central Freight Association, and it is expected that this organization will go to pieces within two weeks. President Ingalls directed his freight men to withdraw from the association a few days ago, and also sent a letter to the presidents of other Central Freight Association roads advising them to seek safety outside the association or any other railroad organization that has CHARLES A. MILLER, Cincinnati, O., the semblance of a pool about it. There is such a hurry to quit membership in pools that railroad men have not given thought of what will take their places. The Central Freight Association comprises the general freight agents of all lines between Chicago, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis | AN AFTER-DINNER SPEECH ON GIFTS H. F. WHITE, Fortuna, Mo., head cut. and the territory bounded by these points. JOHN BOSTON, Tipton, Mo., face man- With the dissolution of the Central Freight Association every line will be free to make JOHN BROCKMEYER, Bunceton, Mo., its own rates and cutting is expected to be

"In an interview yesterday a prominent railroad official said: 'I cannot understand this campaign against railroad pools. The interstate-commerce law says that the railroads must charge each shipper the same for moving freight between the same points, but the Sherman anti-trust law makes it unlawful for us to agree upon rates. If one road knows nothing about the rate that a competitor is making, how can it agree with the competing road?"

Fruitless Conference. ST. LOUIS, March 13.-The Southwestern Mrs. Elizabeth Powell and daughter, Miss | the oldest families in the city, was to-day | Passenger Bureau continued in session to-Charlotte, who have been spending the win- held for the action of the grand jury as day. A telegram was received by the adter in Indianapolis, have gone to Irvington, the result of an inquest over the body of visory committee from General Passenger term at Mrs. Carver's, on Downey avenue, a prematurely born baby of Mrs. Peter Agent Prince, of the International & Great Mr. and, Mrs. Broadwell Hagans, who Blair, found yesterday alive and doubled Northern Railroad, stating that the queshave been in Cuba the past two years, up in a shoe box thrown into a garbage tion of that company's membership had can in the Blair house. At the inquest to- been referred to their vice president, and leave next month for the Philippines. Mrs. | day a colored woman pointed to Dr. Hag- his decision would be transmitted as soon ner as the man who she saw place the box as received. The meeting then considered of dining here to-night I felt I ought to in the can. The latter, admitting he was | the subjects on the docket, but no final acthe man, said he fully believed the child | tion was taken on any of them, it being was dead at the time. The physician at necessary to secure the votes of absent after being found testified that the babe International & Great Northern having was alive when received, and the negro | reached the advisory committee up to a woman testified that the child was crying late hour, a resolution was adopted referwhen she found it. The ceroner's jury, in | ring the entire question of existing differits verdict, held that "the child, which was ences to the advisory committee of the bureau, with full power to act, and the meetfrom hemorrhage of the brain, which might | ing adjourned subject to the call of the ad-

Rates for the G. A. R.

CHICAGO, March 13 .- Central Passenger Association lines have granted a rate of one cent a mile for the round trip to the Grand Army National Encampment to be held in Washington Oct. 6 to 11. It was also decided to put into effect a rate to New York on a basis of \$10 added to the Washington rate, which would mean a round trip rate from Chicago to New York for \$26. An innovation is the allowance of one stop-over each way to permit the old soldiers to visit battlefields. Dates of sale will be Oct. 3 to 6, return limit Oct. 11 and extension limit Oct. 31 It was unanimously agreed to confine interchange of business with the Lake lines to such lines as would give assurance

Canada Atlantic Road Sold. OTTAWA, Ont., March 13.-One million over to the directors of the Canada Atlantic riously hurt on the night of the escape. It as a guarantee of good faith that the purchase of that road will be consummated. The first option given was to expire on March 15, but it has been extended until June 30, and the million dollars has been paid over. Yesterday the Canada Atlantic directors decided to issue bonds to the ex-The American Way Somewhat Better | tent of \$11,200,000, and that figure is believed to fairly represent the price to be paid by

the Webb syndicate for the railway.

New Purchasing Agent. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 13.-Ira C legram sent by Miss Alice Roosevelt to Hubball, of Chicago, has been appointed purchasing agent of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway and will assume the duties of his new position at once. Chicago

will be his headquarters. OBITUARY.

David Sloane Stanley, Corps Com-

mander in Army of the Cumberland. WASHINGTON, March 13 .- Brig. Gen. David S. Stanley, United States army, retired, a notable figure in many campaigns and one of the few remaining corps commanders of the Western army, died at his residence here to-day, aged seventy-three, of chronic Bright's disease. He was presiappropriate terms in which Miss Roosevelt | dent of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland and for four years was com- ill at the Auditorium Annex. Mrs. Payne

David Sloane Stanley was born at Chester, O., on June 1, 1828, and was educated in the public schools, at Canaan Academy and at West Point, being graduated from the Military Academy in 1852; married Anna with bated breath and bended knee, Miss M. Wright, who died in 1895; was second lieutenant in the Second Dragoons; first lieutenant First Cavalry, captain Fourth Cavalry, major Fifth Cavalry; during the civil war brigadier and major general of the Salvation Army because of ill health. volunteers and commander Fourth Corps. Army of the Cumberland; fought through the Corinth and Atlanta campaigns, and was wounded in a hand-to-hand fight at Franklin: took part in the Nashville campaign; after the war was colonel Twenty- Congress Should Act Promptly in the second Infantry; brigadier general United

William L. Elkins, Jr.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13 .- William L. | gin," cries out the impatient Hamlet to After the delivery of Governor Van Sant's Elkins, jr., died to-day at his country home, the player, and that is what the American Menlo Lodge, near Elkin's Station, Pa., a people are now crying to the committee few miles from this city. He was a son of on ways and means making faces over the steed at a respectful distance. The Gov- the millionaire traction magnate and was Cuban sugar duties. himself prominently identified with many October and was constantly under the care of a physician for a cerebro-spinal trouble. At the time of his death Mr. Elkins was president of the Pennsylvania Iron Works Company, the Otto Coke and Chemical Company, the Pittsburg Gas and Coke Company, the United Coke and Gas Company, the Hygea Hide and Cold Storage Company, the McKeesport Gas Improvement and the New England Gas and Coke Company. He was also a director of the Allis Chalmers Company. Mr. Elkins was a wellknown clubman, being a member of the Union League, Philadelphia Racquet, Phildelphia Gun and Huntingdon Valley Clubs. Mr. Elkins's widow is the daughter of Col. C. W. Felton, of California.

Mrs. Onahan's Funeral.

CHICAGO, March 13 .- Prelates of the Roinstead of walking backward and bowing laity and priests of Chicago and several other cities in paying tribute to the memstyle, which has manhood and heart be- ory of Mrs. Margaret Gertrude Onahan. wife of William J. Onahan, who was chair- and send to the Senate. That body will do man of the great Catholic congress at Baltimore. The funeral services were held at the Holy Family Jesuit Church, West Twelfth and May streets, the largest Catholie church edifice in Chicago. The structure proved inadequate to accommodate city has its particular smell, and that New the thousands who densely thronged the massive structure and filled the surrounding thoroughfares. Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, came to Chicago especially for | ple are waiting now for the committee on the services and preached the sermon. Rev. James French, vice president of Notre Dame University, was archpriest and Rev. Thomas E. Sherman, S. J., deacon.

Alfred Bartow, Lawyer.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., March 13 .-Alfred Bartow, for fifteen years a member of the Chicago bar, formerly a member of five years a prominent citizen of this place, | cumb.

died here to-day of Bright's disease. He was a member of the Yale class of 1869, and of the Chicago Law School.

Gen. Augustus P. Martin.

BOSTON, March 13.-Gen. Augustus P. Martin, former mayor and also former police commissioner of Boston, died to-day at his home in Dorchester. General Martin was sixty-seven years of age. At the time of his death he was water commissioner with great distinction.

Leon D. Bancroft.

CHICAGO, March 13 .- Leon D. Bancroft, a well-known newspaper man, died here to-day from stomach trouble. He was thirty-three years old and was employed on the Inter Ocean. At one time he was managing editor of the Pittsburg Dispatch. He also held responsible positions on several New York city papers.

Judge W. D. Davies.

SYDNEY, O., March 13.-Judge W. D. Davies, a prominent politician and jurist, died at his home early this morning. He was several times the Republican nominee for Congress from this district and for years a judge of Common Pleas Court in

AND BOOKS OF FICTION.

Forty Applications for Contributions Considered Yesterday, and All but Two Granted.

NEW YORK, March 13 .- Andrew Carnegie was the chief guest and principal speaker this evening at the seventh an- asking the secretary of state for informanual dinner of the New York Library Club. Among the other guests were three hundred librarians of New York city and

for rural communities, said: "I have been | recites: much gratified by many applications of ries. And in this connection I will say to inform the House of Representatives that as I knew I would have the pleasure have dealth with about forty of these aplines. No further communication from the plicants to-day and am glad to say that in all except perhaps two cases I have seen

> my way clear to grant them. "We hear a great deal about the influence of fiction. I have considered the case most carefully. I would not deprive the lover of books of his fiction. Any sort of book, except one which exercises a bad influence, is better than no books. But I believe that if a man give his fortune to endow libraries he might do well to bar

fiction less than three years old.' Mr. Carnegie quoted Lord Acton as saying of all the books written since the world began only about four thousand could lay claim to immortality. "And yet," said Mr. Carnegie, "an author is worthy the gratitude of the world if he can make an imprint on his own generation." After dinner Mr. Carnegie was asked for a list of the libraries he had endowed today, but said he was unable to give it. He said, however, that the application for a library from Albany, N. Y., was one of them, and he thought the amount he had

given was \$175,000. DE WITT TALMAGE ILL.

Caught Influenza in Mexico, but Will

Return to Washington To-Day. NEW ORLEANS, La., March 13,-Rev. T. De Witt Talmage is resting quietly at the St. Charles Hotel, greatly improved, and will be able to continue his journey to Washington to-morrow morning. He ar- in the United States for the British cavalry rived last night from the City of Mexico, accompanied by his wife and daughter and Dr. Lawrence Shields, chief surgeon of the American Hospital in the City of Mexico. Mrs. Talmage and Dr. Shields were fairly to South Africa. bombarded with letters, cards and telegrams from all parts of the world asking as to the condition of the doctor's health. But the doctor was not able to arise from his bed nor to see any one. Mrs. Talmage sat patiently at his bedside, unwilling to al-

low any one to attend his most trivial Dr. Shields, who will accompany Dr. Talmage and family to Washington, gave out the following statement to the Associated Press, which fully covers all the details of his distinguished patient's illness and present condition: "Dr. T. De Witt Talmage was attacked with influenza in Mexico City on March 3, two days after his arrival. Owing to the altitude of that city it was deemed expedient to remove him to his home in Washington. His present condition is favorable, having steadily improved after leaving Mexico, the debility showing his malady being the only affection at this time. He will be able to resume his work

in about two weeks.' Mrs. Henry C. Payne Indisposed. CHICAGO, March 13. - Mrs. Henry Payne, wife of the postmaster general, is arrived here to-night from Washington on the way to her home in Milwaukee. A sud-

den indisposition compelled her to go to

the hotel instead of continuing her journey.

Herbert Booth III. NEW YORK, March 13.-It is announced that Herbert Booth, a son of General

Booth, has permanently relinquished the commandership of the Australian forces of

TIME TO DO SOMETHING.

Reciprocity Matter.

Chicago Journal. "Leave thy damnable faces and be-

The people do not take the House of mendous lungs. business interests. He was thirty-eight Representatives seriously; or its commityears of age. Mr. Elkins had been ill since | tees but, inasmuch as it is a necessary part of the law-making power and must go through certain forms in order to make legislation effective, the sooner it does its part the better for the country. The ways and means committee has been hemming and having over the business long enough. for it doesn't matter one picavune what the committee does or what the House does, The question will be settled in the Senate but as it is a revenue measure that is to

> We wonder whether, if the framers of the Constitution could have foreseen the decadence of the House under the "Reed rules of order." they would have committed any power or duties to it whatever. It is hardly more than a cog in the wheel in these days. But let that pass.

formulated, it must originate in the

What the people would like to see enacted by the House is any bill looking to reciprocity with Cuba, with any reduction in the tariff duties, no matter how small. The committee is talking of a 20 per cent. reduction. All right, "make it that," put it in legal phraseology, pass the rest, or what it omits can be safely left to a committee of conference. The desirable thing is to stop the chatter and begin the work. Already the Cu-

ways and means to get a move on itself. Altgeld's Death Deplored.

DENVER, Col., March 13.-The Colorado House of Representatives to-day adopted resolutions deploring the death of John P. Altgeld, "a great commoner whose life stands as a monument of civic courage, steadfastness and incorruptibility in the most trying circumstances and in the midst Grossmith, jr., and "The Merry Bankrupt," these ornaments without the painful pre- When the cry of "fire" is raised in a the Nebraska State Senate and district of calumnies and temptations to which words by George P. Sims, are introduced paratory process of piercing the lobe of New York hotel these days the guests don't judge at Chadron. Neb., and for the last many noble but more yielding natures suc-

BRITISH GENERAL HAS BEEN RE-LEASED BY HIS BOER CAPTORS.

for the city. He served in the civil war Announcement by Mr. Brodrick in the House of Commons-Case of Dr. Thomas and Wife.

> LONDON, March 13 .- The war secretary. Mr. Brodrick, announced in the House of Commons to-day that he understood that General Methuen, who was captured, severely wounded, by General Delarey, March 10, had been released and was expected to arrive at Klerksdorp, southwestern Transvaal, to-day. The general's condition was favorable. Mr. Brodrick added that the exchange of General Methuen for Commandant Kritzinger had not been contemplated. The trial of the commandant had been postponed because consideration of the evidence to be presented had not been

Timothy M. Healy (Irish Nationalist). amid Nationalist cheers, invited the government to show equal magnanimity and release Commandant Kritzinger. Mr. Brodrick said subsequently that the telegram received did not specifically say that General Methuen had been released, but from the fact that he was in the hands of a British medical officer, it was presumed the general had been released. Later in the day, the following dispatch, dated Pretoria, March 13, was received from Lord Kitchener: "General Methuen was brought to Klerksdorp to-day. He is doing and "Moriarity" around the world. And he well. Everything possible is being done

Mr. Burleson's Resolution.

WASHINGTON, March 13 .- The resolution of Representative Burleson, of Texas, tion as to requests by Rev. Hiram W. Thomas to bear relief funds to the Boer concentration camps, was ordered reported by the House committee on foreign af-Mr. Carnegie, on the subject of libraries | fairs to-day. As agreed to the resolution

"Resolved, That the secretary of state be, and he is hereby respectfully requested, if small communities in the West for libra- | not incompatible with the public interests. whether he declined to comply with the request of the said Rev. Hiram W. Thomas or any one acting for him for passports or to ask the British government for permission for the said Rev. Dr. Thomas and his wife, or to lend his offices to secure through the British ambassador a permit from the British War Office for them to visit South African military concentration camps for the purpose of distributing funds raised in the United States for the relief of noncombatant prisoners." A letter from Secretary Hay was presented by Chairman Hitt explaining the circumstances of the case.

> Pro-Boers May Appeal to President. CHICAGO, March 13 .- A second letter, in the shape of a formal demand, has been sent to Secretary of State Hay, asking for passports for Dr. and Mrs. Hiram W. Thomas to visit the concentration camps of South Africa. Should Mr. Hay again refuse to act, it is stated that the matter will be taken to the President. Should Mr. Roosevelt uphold Mr. Hay, a final appeal will be made to Lord Pauncefote. The second letter to Secretary Hay is signed by John Knight, who was appointed by Governor Yates to arrange with the State Department for Dr. Thomas's mission Peter Van Vlissing, of the Chicago Transvaal League, said to-day: "If the British government objects to Dr. Thomas because of his well-known pro-Boer utterances, we will select some one else. We have \$6,000 on hand, and in Philadelphia there is \$3,000 more waiting, and all over the country it is the same. In Europe there are many who

want to send similar relief." Montana Horses for South Africa. SHERIDAN, Mont., March 23.-British Agent J. A. Conway, who is buying horses in South Africa, has secured a large number of animals in this vicinity. These horses will be shipped to Utah, where they will be inspected by the British officers. Later they will be sent to New Orleans for shipment

the available money in the office. Williams was arraigned before Commissioner Claxton LAST OF A GREAT RACE.

The Negro Minstrels and Their Mission of Gayety.

Billy West, Billy Emerson, Billy Ricethe stars fall fast. Yet these artists had all but survived their art, for negro minstrelsy seems doomed, nor can even the witty Mr. Dockstader give it a long reprieve. The public taste changed; the minstrels relied too much laurels and wore out their welcome. We know the weakness of the praisers of past time, and we will not say that the theater at present seems to be intended mainly for the benefit or dertiment of girls too young to appreciate it, or as a means of passing an evening to well-dressed, well-fed, mostly unimaginative folks to whom it represents a few hours' rest, the interval between

dinner and a supper at one of the lobster

palaces of which New York will soon prin-

cipally consist.

It seems, though, as though tastes and times were simpler once. Perhaps people laughed more easily. The generation that felt the death of Dickens as a personal loss had the gift of hearty laughter. During the civil war and after, there was a natural reaction toward gayety. The great gods of ennui, the Ibsens and the Tolstois. were not droning as yet. People were willing to enjoy themselves in their own way; and a manager couldn't boost a stick into a star, and a playwright was not a cheap pathologist. Burton had not long been dead; Wallack was still in his prime. The name of John Brougham will recall to many not yet decrepit something of the gayety of temper, the high spirits of those not aitogether remote days, Mr. Joseph Jefferson is the one eminent survivor of the eminent actors on whom the patrons of negro minstrelsy in its best estate were brought up. Why, the boys who waited with beating hearts for the curtain to rise, who wouldn't have missed a sound of the orchestra, who yelled so ferociously at the appearance of a "supe," had heard "Eddie" Booth offer his kingdom for a horse, especially of a up as "Ned" Forrest cursed Goneril and Regan with all the wind of those tre-

Negro minstrelsy was no foolish whim. It was legitimate art in its good time, and Mr. Dockstader and Mr. Primrose have not of names and companies comes to the mind. The rattle of the bones tickles the ear agreeably. The eye of memory sees those preposterously black faces, impossible red ips, abysmal mouths, word-shaping feet. Where did those monumental shoes come from? The banjo has fallen into the hands of the girls-luck banjo!-and they play it as if they were petting a canary bird or toying with a caramel. The old minstrels used to whack it, thump it, take it by vioyet they gragged sweet tones out of it. The dialogues between the interlocutor and Mr. Bones were meatier if less artistic than Plato's. The songs, comic or sentimental, were given with an irresistible heartiness, often with a clever art. We can see Billy Emerson as Policeman Moriarity threatening the truckman: "I'H have you off that dray for ogling the ladies."

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paupers at the end. Billy Rice with his stump speech! How many ludicrous monologues, temperance lectures and what not, punctuated by the thumps from an impossible cotton umbrella, have the minstrels given! The Morris brothers; Nelse Seymour, one of the mightiest minstrels of all; Mr. Birch, Mr. Backus, Mr. Bernard, Mr. Wambold, an fresh in properly regulated and grateful memories; Luke Schoolcraft, the watermillion man, and Harry Bloodgood-claudite jam rivos; turn off the reminiscences!

They say Neil Bryant is lying stricken over in Brooklyn at a hospital and they say he is more than seventy. Lord, Lord, what a foolish thing time is! nearly twenty years since Nell Bryant stripped off the cork, and he is forgotten already. He was in twenties when he and his brother opened a theater on Broadway, somewhere in the four hundreds, three or four years before the war. Bryant's minstreis had their home in Fourteenth street afterward, say, from 1867 or thereabouts, and moved to Twenty-third street in 1870. perhaps, but we are not swearing to any statistics. Bryant's minstrels were as well known as the custom house, and they have chased the blues away from thousands. George Fox, too soon to become the melancholy figure which used to be led about the streets of Cambridge in the early 70s, was at the Olympia. Mr. Birch and his facetious halo were at five hundred and something Broadway. Kelly and Leon's minstrels were on Broadway, near Eleventh street. Harry Beckett was at Miss Lina Edwin's theater-Oh, yes, there was such a theater in '70, and near it, we think, was the Globe, where we had the ineffable pleasure of seeing Mr. Josh Hart in the Yankee Sea Serpent. Mr. Antonius Pastor, the immortal, was on the Bowery then, Mr. Pastor came over with Mr. H. Hudson, and his hand already grasped that immortal opera hat or "dry hide." May Tony live forever and a day; but most of the theaters and the actors of that time are gone. The race of negro minstrels will be as extinct as the cave bear or the mammoth in a few years. They gave a good deal of harmless pleasure; and there are many who will join us in kind recalling and remembrance of those noisy, rollicking and sentimental artists. It can not be denied that there is some selfishness in the regret. The death of the favorites of his youth makes a man feel more keenly that he, too, is growing old. Poor old Neil Bryant, and all the rest of that gay company! The Finches of the Grove are silent. The Cave of Harmony is closed.

Arrest of an Alleged Burglar. CARBONDALE, Ill., March 13.-Officers have captured Thomas Williams, accused of being one of the gang who entered the Willisville postoffice Tuesday night and secured a large number of stamps and all

to-day in this city and was held to the federal grand jury.

Six Steel Saws in a Pie. ABERDEEN, Miss., March 13 .- The Will Lanier case continues to develop interesting incidents. Last night at 8 o'clock, while Officers John Harmon and John Tope were on guard, a little girl brought the condemned man a pie from his mother, which,

when opened by the guards, developed six little steel saws.

Some Western Discoveries. The discovery out West that telegraph wires can be used for telephoning without interfering with the ordinary messages is only second in importance to the discovery of Western farmers that they could tele-

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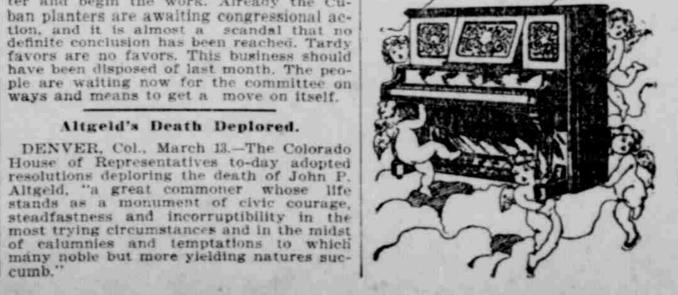
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